Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals gives registration subject to improvements in the standard of ethical use of animals in experimentation. The Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animal also lays down the guidelines to be followed by all establishments for the maintenance of animals and animal houses.

Financial assistance to backward castes for higher education in Gujarat

2389. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance given to the backward castes in Gujarat for their higher education through National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation for the last three years;

(b) the number of persons benefited thereby, year-wise;

(c) the number of applications received, rejected and still pending out of those applications; and

(d) the criteria adopted for selection of persons for such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The Government of India is implementing the "Educational Loan Scheme" through the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC). As per guideline of the Scheme, the eligible student submits loan application to State Channelising Agency (SCA) of the State to which he/she belongs and the proposal to draw funds from NBCFDC is submitted by the SCA. The SCA of Gujarat has not submitted any proposal during the last three years. As such, no amount has been released to the SCA of Gujarat during the last three years.

(d) The eligibility conditions for obtaining loan under the scheme are as under:—

1. The student should belong to Backward Classes as notified by the Central or State Governments from time to time.
2. The family income of the applicant should not exceed Rs. 42,412/- (double the poverty line).
3. The applicant should have obtained the admission during current session in the course and the institute approved by AICTE, Medical Council of India, etc., as the case may be.